

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-26 and 28-31 are in this application. Claims 1, 6, 8, 12, 15, 19, 23, 25 and 28 are amended.

In the office action of February 23, 2007, claims 1-31 were rejected under 28 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the Boykin '556 patent. As set forth in the previous section of this response, claims 5, 21 and 27 are cancelled, and the remaining claims amended to call for a digital video recorder responsive to a record signal for recording video signals from a memory buffer on a DVD RAM disk. In order for a claim to be anticipated, each and every element as set forth in the claim must be found, either expressly or inherently described, in the cited Boykin reference. The identical invention must be shown in Boykin in as complete detail as is contained in a particular claim under consideration. MPEP § 2131.

Attention is first directed to independent claim 1 which has been amended to call for a digital video recorder responsive to a record signal to record video signals from a memory buffer on a DVD RAM disk. As will be discussed more fully below, Boykin employs two hard disk storage drives 278 that are driven by a CPU 260 (column 5, lines 1-3). Boykin mentions the use of DVD disks in column 8 at line 26, but in the context of data transmission to others. Accordingly, as will be pointed out in more detail below, Boykin did not take the inventive step of recording from the memory buffer of the mobile digital information system to a DVD RAM disk but disclosed and claimed exclusively the use of hard disk drives as the storage media for a vehicle mounted video recording system deployed in police vehicles.

The advantages of the DVD RAM disk in video surveillance systems utilized in law enforcement vehicles are manifold. In contrast to the hard disk storage drives 278 disclosed in the Boykin patent, a DVD RAM disk is an optical media in contrast to a hard disk drive which records data by magnetizing a magnetic material in a pattern that represents the data. A typical HDD design consists of a spindle which holds one or more flat circular disks or platters onto which the data is recorded, thereby presenting possible mechanical problems in the environment of a police vehicle due to the forces applied to the recording equipment in a typical high speed enforcement scenario. The field-proven DVD RAM format of the present invention is superior over magnetic formats and is free from the possibility of a mechanical failure inherent in HDD design where a spindle is employed to hold a flat circular disk onto which the data is recorded. The DVD RAM is a single spinning "platter" rather than multiple platters and thus is much less subject to failure in a high speed chase.

Furthermore, DVD RAM provides a recording medium which enables the numerous smaller police departments throughout the country to have the advantages of patrol cars equipped with in-car video systems without the need to handle and store analog tapes used in the video systems in the generation prior to digital recording. Large metropolitan police departments may use an HDD medium and with streaming video transfer a day's file wirelessly when a patrol car pulls into the station parking lot, thereby eliminating the necessity to remove and reinstall the hard disk drive. This is not the case in the vast number of smaller police departments which, from the standpoint of economy, do not employ wireless or cable transfer systems. In those applications the DVD RAM fills the gap between handling and storing VHS tapes on a daily basis and wireless or cable transfer discussed above, by providing a recording

medium that easy to handle and which can be quickly removed from the vehicle, downloaded into a master file in the station, and returned to the patrol car. Unlike a hard disk drive, there are no mechanical components and thus the DVD RAM disk is not subject to malfunction with repeated handling.

Turning to the claims under prosecution in this application, all of the independent claims 1, 12 and 19 call for a combination that includes a digital video recorder responsive to the record signal to record video signals from a memory buffer on a DVD RAM disk, wherein the video recorder is responsive to a playback signal to reproduce video signals recorded on the DVD RAM disk. Recording to a DVD RAM disk and reproducing video signals recorded thereon in response to a playback signal is not disclosed or suggested by the Boykin disclosure. This is particularly evident since Boykin in column 8 at line 25 cites digital video disks (DVD) only as a medium that could receive digital video/audio/data information already recorded by the Boykin system and transmitted to other media such digital video disks (DVD).

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-26 and 28-31 are requested when this application is next reached for attention.

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Respectfully submitted,

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